given patents for the medicinal use of a number of Indian Medicinal plants. As there is no effective mechanism to know about the applications made for patents in the patent offices of other countries, it is not possible to indicate the number of patents granted for medicinal use of plants including those used in Unani medicine in foreign countries.

Free vaccination to children

1932. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to give free .vaccination of all types to all children, just as polio is given, or give any assistance to State Governments in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Government of India is providing vaccine free of cost to the States for implementation of Universal Immunization Programme for prevention of vaccine preventable diseases namely childhood tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles and neonatal tetanus. In addition, to eradicate polio, Government of India implements Pulse Polio Immunization Programme, under which State are provided:

(1) Oral Polio Vaccine in kind, and

(2) Operational expenses for implementing the programme.

National Maternity Benefit Scheme

1933. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under National Maternity Benefit Scheme, an assistance of Rs. 500/- is being given to pregnant woman from BPL families for better nutrition; and

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries in each State since its introduction, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Year-wise and State-wise estimated number of beneficiaries is at Statement.

Statement

State-wise release of funds under National Maternity Benefit Scheme

(Amount in Rs.)

		Number of Beneficiaries								
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02**	2002-03**	2003-04**
1	Andhra Pradesh	203902	199399	378690	404039	336296	305021	361367	233823	236523
2	Arunachal Pradesh	NR	NR	94	60	248	40	4107	2054	288
3	Assam	12495	18532	14253	18303	26298	27085	46335	32509	10518
4	Bihar	30921	16920	211711	197322	141387	136085	57934	51767	27636
5	Jharkhand	—	—	—	—	—	23152	29712	25098	11789
6	Goa	NR	43	88	33	71	21	1152	576	0*
7	Gujarat	NR	5721	12030	21460	19538	14335	13329	21640	16884
8	Haryana	5566	9778	12907	14147	6491	6264	6261	5484	3660
9	Himachal Pradesh	295	2943	2478	2082	3492	3434	1613	1108	1202
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4923	9067	7010	6508	5321	5403	6641	4059	1882
11	Karnataka	17614	11730	16959	34670	40595	32777	81621	64539	33506
12	Kerala	167	12976	27576	35438	18344	15144	18605	15049	26077
13	Madhya Pradesh	5153	92660	152907	187046	90600	93961	104417	69713	39147
14	Chhattisgarh	—	—	—	—	—	20928	15965	11002	5076
15	Maharashtra	26	37953	47004	129219	89895	87225	62892	39203	10529
16	Manipur	1277	3705	2217	2510	1241	4571	7415	5775	3064

	Number of Beneficiaries								
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02"	2002-03**	2003-04**
17 Meghalaya	122	1397	1649	2959	3164	4807	6129	3151	104
18 Mizoram	500	1083	439	3022	2388	2905	3241	5395	2797
19 Nagaland	126	3071	831	673	2452	4757	6050	4844	2546
20 Orissa	1524	101643	105642	151406	132591	113094	115569	78772	39802
21 Punjab	2669	6110	8616	3742	3985	8197	10084	5042	6405
22 Rajasthan	NR	16821	50360	48693	11336	13789	19317	17172	8579
23 Sikkim	NR	198	NR	NR	551	2721	1697	849	0*
24 Tamil Nadu	50487	177019	163189	29485	35142	129272	162029	118118	113441
25 Tripura	6500	19500	19500	10156	9413	10300	11011	7565	2429
26 Uttar Pradesh	297356	474371	236820	187924	225509	267957	206467	113821	50527
27 Uttaranchal	—	—	—	—	—	10109	12152	7480	1738
28 West Bengal	16245	57986	82839	90688	92640	112107	70032	54115	22477
29 A&N Islands	NR	6	NR	NR	NR	NR	576	288	0*
30 Chandigarh	NR	NR	NR	NR	225	NR	576	288	0*
31 D& N Haveli	NR	134	NR	5	NR	180	576	288	0*
32 Daman & Diu	24	57	7	9	NR	NR	1152	576	0*
33 NCT Delhi	NR	629	NR	NR	NR	NR	576	288	0*
34 Lakshadweep	NR	14	32	NR	NR	NR	566	284	0*
35 Pondicherry	NR	559	1444	473	506	438	516	447	225
TOTAL	657892	1282025	1557292	1582072	1299719	1456079	1447682	1002184	678851

NR- Not reported

*- No grant was released during the year.

**- These estimates are based on the amount of grant released to the District Authorities.